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Section D. Supplemental Information

21. Information regarding further consideration of requests published in 1997:

22. Other supplemental information:

Signature of person filing the petition: () Date: ()

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. 301-118]

Mexican Practices Affecting High Fructose Corn Syrup (HFCS)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of results of section 302 investigation.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (USTR) has conducted an investigation initiated under section 302(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2412(a)), with respect to certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Mexico that affect access to the Mexican market for high fructose corn syrup (HFCS). The USTR initiated this investigation on May 15, 1998, in response to a petition filed by the Corn Refiners Association, Inc. Because the matters investigated suggest that the Government of Mexico unreasonably encouraged and supported an agreement between representatives of the Mexican sugar industry and the Mexican soft drink bottling industry to limit the soft drink industry's purchases of HFCS, the USTR has determined that it would be appropriate to explore further the nature and consequences of Mexican Government involvement in this matter and to continue consultations with the Government of Mexico on issues related to trade in HFCS, with the aim of securing fair and equitable market opportunities for U.S. producers.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 2, 1998, the Corn Refiners Association, Inc. filed a petition pursuant to section 302(a) of the Trade Act alleging that certain acts, policies and practices of the Government of Mexico affecting HFCS are actionable under section 301 of the Trade Act because they are unreasonable and deny fair and equitable market opportunities for U.S. exporters of HFCS. In particular, the petition alleged that, with the support and encouragement of the Government of Mexico, representatives of the Mexican sugar industry and the Mexican soft drink bottling industry entered into an agreement in September 1997 to limit the soft drink industry's purchases of HFCS. According to the petition, the purpose and effect of this agreement was to restrict both the volume of HFCS imports from the United States and the purchases of HFCS by the U.S. companies that have made investments in Mexican production facilities. The petition further alleged that the Government of Mexico actively supports this agreement, which has reduced U.S. exports of HFCS to Mexico and therefore burdens and restricts U.S. commerce.

On May 15, 1998, the USTR determined that an investigation should be initiated under section 302(a) of the Trade Act. Section 304(a) of the Trade Act requires the USTR to issue a determination in cases, such as this, which do not involve a trade agreement, within twelve months after the date on which the investigation is initiated.

The matters investigated suggest that the Government of Mexico unreasonably encouraged and supported an agreement between representatives of the Mexican sugar industry and the Mexican soft drink bottling industry to limit the soft drink industry's purchases of HFCS. Press reports indicate that Mexican Government officials have applauded

the conclusion of this agreement and endorsed the goal of avoiding an increase in imports of HFCS; and the Government of Mexico has not refuted these allegations. Therefore, the USTR has determined that it would be appropriate to explore further the nature and consequences of Mexican Government involvement in this matter. In this regard, the United States will, as a high priority, continue consultations with the Government of Mexico on issues related to trade in HFCS, with the aim of securing fair and equitable market opportunities for U.S. producers.

Demetrios J. Marantis,

Acting Chairman, Section 301 Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Notice of Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Approvals and Disapprovals

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Monthly notice of PFC approvals and disapprovals. In April 1999, there were 10 applications approved. This notice also includes information on one application, approved in March 1999, inadvertently left off the March 1999 notice. Additionally, 11 approved amendments to previously approved applications are listed.

SUMMARY: The FAA publishes a monthly notice, as appropriate, of PFC approvals and disapprovals under the provisions of the Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 (Title IX of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 Public Law 101-508) and part 158 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR part 158). This notice is published pursuant to paragraph d of § 158.29.